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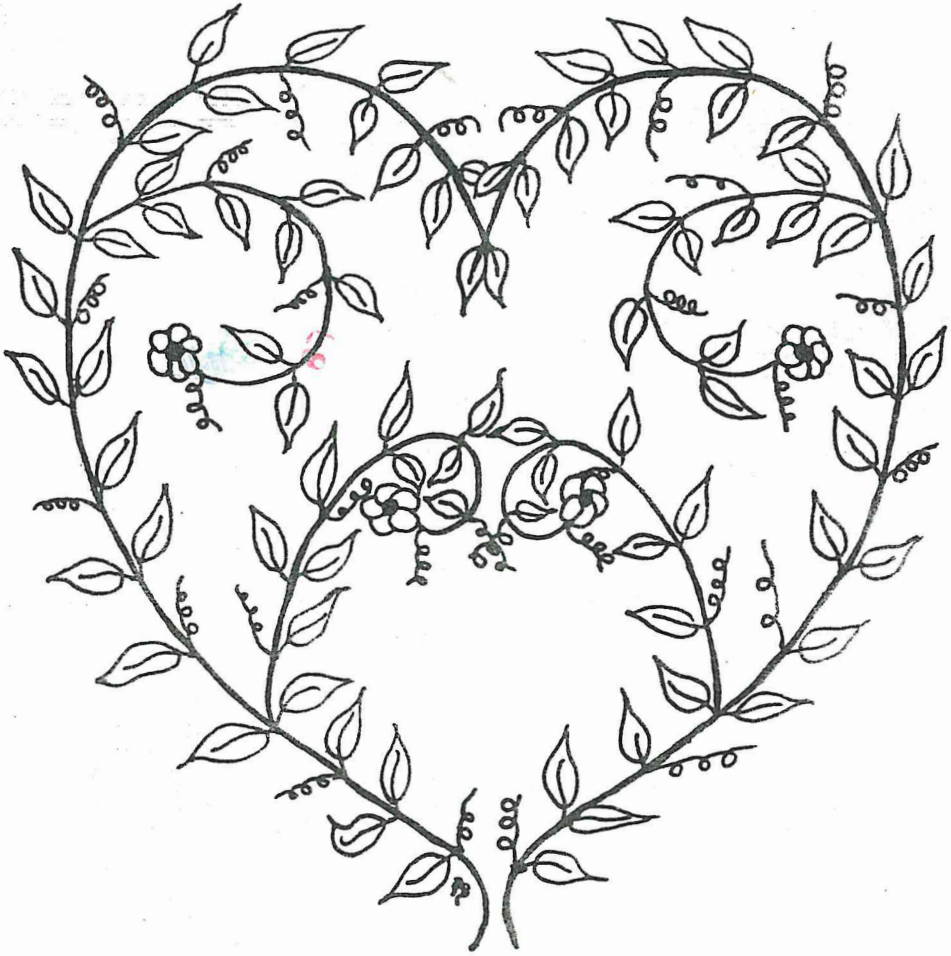

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ARTS & SCIENCES MEETING/WORKSHOP

There will be an Arts & Sciences Meeting/Workshop on THURSDAY, February 18, A. S. XXII, at 7 PM at 622 Whedbee. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The subject for this month's meeting will be COURT MANNERS.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

1 - **SHIRE MEETING**, 7 PM, RM 206, Student Center
6 - Slan Leat Cuirm (A Farewell Feast) (Scorpion's Hollow)+ Cerridwen (505) 762-6621
12 - Genghis Con Demo (Caerthe)* Nonna (303) 433-3849
13 - Estrella War IV (Atenveldt)* Duchess Daphne (602) 277-5117
13 - Open Revel (Glenoria - Hillsdale WY)* Donald (307) 547-3557
18 - **GUILD MEETING**, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
21 - Unofficial Fighter Practice Plus (Caerthe)* Master Odar (303) 622-4343
27 - Part II Arts & Sciences Competition (al-Barran)* Mistress Beau (505) 842-8412
27 - Wallflower Revel (Caerthe) Christina (303) 778-1085

MARCH:

5 - Grand Russian Wedding (Unser Hafen)* Lady Anastazia (303) 484-4970
12 - Fighting Demo Prize Tourney (Fontaine dans Sable)* Lady Esme Ffoulkes (505) 327-1224
13 - Unofficial Fighter Practice Plus (Caerthe)* Master Odan (303) 622-4343
19 - Courturies Defender Tourney & Part III Arts & Sciences Competition (Caerthe)*

APRIL:

9 - Crown Tournament and Part IV Arts & Sciences Competition (Caer Mithin Halle)

MAY:

7 - Chivalry Tournament (Caerthe)* Master Odan (303) 622-4343
14 - Coronation and Part V Arts & Sciences Competition (Unser Hafen)
28 - Grand Outlandish XV (al-Barran)

Items with * after them are detailed in this issue. Items with + before them are out-of-Kingdom events. The deadline for artwork or articles is the 16th of the previous month.

ART CREDITS: Re-run

Slan Leat Cuirm
(A Farewell Feast)

The Shire of Scorpions Hollow would like to invite the populace of the Outlands to a Gaelic Feast. The site will be the Roy Walker Youth Center. Set up will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 6. This is a discreetly wet site. Alcohol in period containers only, and all alcohol containers must be disposed of off site.

There will be a Prize Tourney as well. Armor inspection will begin at 11 a.m. Fighting may be indoors weather depending.

The Feast will be served after 6 p.m. Entertainment and much reveling will follow. The site will be locked during the feast and will be open until 12 a.m. after the feast.

The site fee is $5.00 a person, $2.50 for smalls. This covers both site and feast. Crash space is available. When making your reservation please make a note if you will need crash space and for how many. Please make your reservations as soon as possible as space is limited.

Send your reservations and/or money to the autocrat: Cerridwen ni Morna (Wanda Strickland), 516 Gidding, Clovis NM 88101. Farspeaker is 505-762-6621. Please make checks payable to SCA -- Scorpions Hollow.

OPEN REVEL

On February 13, there will be an open revel at the house of Donald MacKay, 4231 Main Street, Hillsdale, WY. It is to honor Tuel Walters, a jeweler of great reknown. It will begin at approx. 1:00 PM and end ??. Food will be provided, although any potluck dish you wish to share will be appreciated. For more information, please contact Donald MacKay at 1-307-547-3557.

LORDS, LADIES, AND GENTLES ALL!!!
PRAY ATTEND

During this summer, I was approached by two scholarly strangers who sought knowledge about our beloved SCA. I related general information about our Dream and they were wondrously amazed. They stated that they would contact me later and left to tell others of their group about us.

These two scholars are from a group called the Denver Gamers Association and the goal of this group is to study all manner of games. These scholars gather once a year at what they call a convention to compare their studies. They pilgrimage from all parts of our fair Kingdom as well as other Lands. Their assembly is named after a famous warrior, Genghis Con.

The two scholars have recently contacted me and m'lord John the Merry Andrew, to ask if volunteers from the SCA would come to the 9th Genghis Con on February 12th-14th and share the knowledge to all about our Dream. They humbly ask if our Guilds and Fighters would display their beautiful creations and fine armor & weapons. They ask pardon for unfortunately not having enough room for the demonstration of fighting, fencing, or dancing.

Entrance to the convention is free to all members of the SCA who comes attired in appropriate dress. Any member who gives a hour and a half of their time to the booth and wishes to partake in the games will be given a $3.00 deduction in the admission. Genghis Con IX will be held at the Airport Hilton which is at the NW corner of the intersection of I-70 and Peoria, east of the Stapleton airport.

If you are interested in helping others learn about the SCA or want to know more about Genghis Con then please contact:

Lady Nonna Trehcyl of Kernow
& m'lord John the Merry Andrew
(Nancy & John Swiontek)
3625 Zuni St.
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Fanspeaker number: 303-433-3849

Estrella War IV

Unto the populace of the Known World, from the Estrella IV War Committee!

THE DATES TO REMEMBER ARE . . . February 12 - 15, A.S. XXII

Advance reservations toll for the weekend will be $12.50 for adults and $10.00 for smalls. Non-members will be charged an additional $2.00 per person. The increase in tolls is due to the increase in charges required by the park authorities, and for additional facilities provided. Please make all checks payable to the Kingdom of Atenveldt.

Facilities being provided are: Showers, Designated dish washing areas, designated trash collection stations (daily collection), twice as many porta-johns as last year (cleaned and emptied daily), and stage and sound system (for you soft spoken bards).

A site waiver will be signed at the toll booth by each individual entering the war site. Minors' waivers must be signed by a parent of legal guardian. (A minor is anyone under the age of eighteen.) If the parent or guardian does not accompany the minor, the minor must have in his/her possession: a notarized minors waiver and a letter authorizing medical treatment signed by the parent or legal guardian.

The site officially opens Friday morning at 8 a.m. Anyone arriving prior to that time must report to the troll booth not later than 12 noon Friday to fill out waivers and pay fees.

Schedule

Friday:

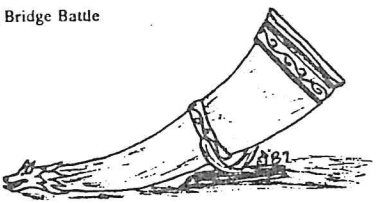
Noon to 4 pm	Aten Games -- Fun stuff like running, jumping, throwing, and maybe even wrestling.

Saturday:

10 am	Opening Court
TBA	Arts Competition
TBA	Quest
12 noon	Battles -- Open Field Aten/Caid (no allies), Open Field, Bridge Battle
5 pm	Chess Competition
8 pm	Bardic Competition

Sunday:

8 am	Archery Competition (IKAC rules apply)
10 am	Court
TBA	Arts Competition continued
TBA	Quest continued
10:30 am	Silver Dollar Invitational
12 noon	Battles -- Broken Field, Resurrection
3 pm	Backgammon Tourney
4 pm	Rapier Tourney
TBA	Closing Court



After each battle there will be a break to regroup. The next battle will start shortly after that so all fighters should be prepared to take the field for the entire afternoon. Anyone desiring to assist in security, ammenities, and at the troll booth, please contact the autocrats.

PARK RESTRICTIONS: No dish washing or bathing in sinks at comfort stations. No ground fires except in established fire pits, hibachis, or camp stoves.

Synopsis of War Rules

1. Each kingdom (Atenveldt/Caid) shall raise its own army. Disparities in numbers will be corrected by the addition of fighting units from other kingdoms, until parity is achieved.

2. All field disputes shall be settled by the marshallate board, the members of which whill be chosen by the participating Kingdoms at the War.

3. If allowed, killing from behind will be restricted to the following methods: a) pole weapons will be placed on the shoulder, or over the visor if possible, and the victim will be told "YOU ARE DEAD, MY LORD", b) all other weapons will be placed over the visor and the same statement will be made. STRIKING AN OPPONENT FROM BEHIND IN ANY FASHION IS AS WE ALL KNOW . . PROHIBITED !!!!!!!!!

4. Nine feet is the limit on all pole weapons used for thrusting only. 7.5 feet is the limit for slashing poles.

5. The 90 degree rule will be in effect for pole arms and great sword.

6. Weapon and armor standards for the war will be those established by the Marshall of the Society as of 12 February, 1988.

7. Other standards or regulations may be announced by the Crowns prior to the beginning of the War.

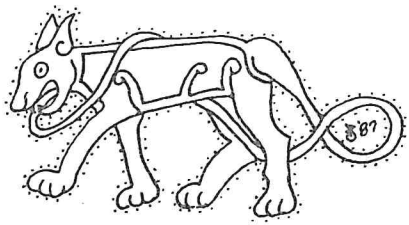
All merchants desiring to participate, please send the autocrats a S.A.S.E. and we will send you the merchants contract, fee particulars and other important information.

We sen you our thanks for you interest and assistence and look forward to seeing you at the War.

Yours in Service to the Crown,

Duchess Daphne of Ered Isen, Main Autocrat
c/o Daphne Altree
4333 N. 11 Avenue
Phoenix AZ 85013

Address all correspondence to the main autocrat and include a S.A.S.E., or call (602) 277-5117.



Outlands Performing Arts Competition

On February 27th, the second round of the Outlands Arts and Sciences Competition will be held in the Barony of al-Barran. The site is yet undetermined, but we promise a full day's activities as well as the judging of the specific categories. The categories to be judged at this event include:

Song Performed
A. Ballad Singing
B. Traditional Song - Not Ballad
C. Madrigal Part Song Canconet
D. Art Song:Lute Song
E. Song - Original

Instrumental Performance
A. Traditional
B. Original
C. Composed in Period

Entertainment - Non-Musical
A. Storytelling - Period
B. Storytelling - Original
C. Poetry - Period
D. Poetry - Original
E. Theatrical Productions

Entertainment - Dance
A. Folk Dance
B. Court Dance
C. Dance - Original

Both hot and cold drinks will be provided during the day, but you will have to bring your own lunch. A Potluck Feast is planned to begin the evening's activities. The Barony will provide a large Roast of Beef, some breads and cheeses. It is asked that everyone wishing to participate in the evening meal bring a dish to share (5-8 servings). A fee of $4.00 will be charged for those not bringing a dish. An informal contest for the best contributions for the Potluck will be held by the co-autocrat in charge.

In addition to the competition, lots of dancing is promised.

If you wish to help make this event a grand success, please volunteer to the autocrat as soon as possible. She is in need of organizers, gate guards, kitchen help, and all the other normal event assistants

Depending on the site chosen, a site fee of possibly $3.00 will be levied. Please watch for more information and further details on this event in February's Outlandish Herald.

Your Autocrat is:

Mistress Beau Marishka of the Romanies
c/o Beau Tappan
2407 Broadway SE
Albuquerque NM 87107
Phone: (505) 842-8412

FIGHTER PRACTICE PLUS

GREETINGS.

We, Master Odan and Lady Alianna, will be hosting an unofficial fighter practice, armoring help, etc., at our place on the following Sundays at 2:00 PM: February 21, March 13, April 3, and April 17.

If you wish to pratice rattan, fencing or shinai, work on armor, costuming, needlework, or just have fun, come join us. If you are a newcomer and wish to meet a few people on an informal basis, you are more than welcome. The only request we have is to have fun. We realize we are a distance from Caerthe but hope to see many of you in spite of that.

For more information, call 1-622-4343.

CHIVALRY TOURNAMENT

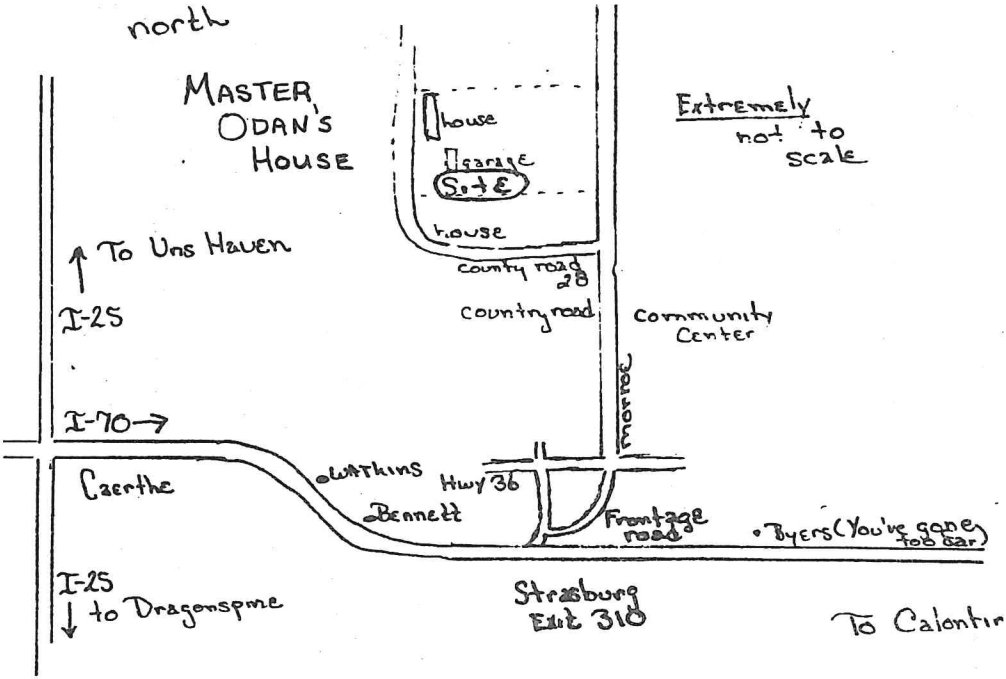
To all good, fun-loving gentles who read these letters, Master Odan and House Halogaland send you greetings:

On the weekend of May 7-8, Master Odan and House Halogaland will be hosting a Chivalry Tournament on the Halogaland Manor, approximately 30 miles east of Caerthe. This will be a camping event and a wet site.

This is a chance for all good gentles to display their chivalry in any or all of the contests, games and activities. There will be fighting - rattan, shinai and fencing - as well as all sorts of games and other fun stuff. Also there will be a feast on Saturday night.

There will be at least on bardic circle. SCA filk songs and old war stories will be encouraged. This is NOT a competition. PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO SHADE, so please bring shade pavilions.

Details will follow. If you can't wait or need other information, please call 1-622-4343.



Fighting Demo and Prize Tourney

The Shire of Fontaine dans Sable is holding a fighting demo on Saturday, March 12th, at Kiwanis Park and needs fighters to come help demonstrate medieval-style combat. We would like to demonstrate many styles of combat such as heavy weapons, SCA fencing, archery, and Shinai. The demo is scheduled to start at noon and last as long as all fighters are willing. The park is a dry site.

A Purpure Revel will be held Saturday evening at the Salmon Ruins Museum at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple and a purple dessert contest is planned. This site is discreetly wet.

A Prize Tourney will be held on Sunday, March 13th, at the park starting around 11:00 a.m. The prize will be announced in a future article.

The fee is $5.00 per person for the whole weekend. Reservations are required for crash space. A map to the demo site will be published next month. For more information contact the autocrat:

Lady Esme ffoulkes of Mercia
Erin MacGuire
3106 Marquette Avenue
Farmington NM 87401
Farspeaker: (505) 327-1224 after 5:30 p.m.

The Shire Of Caer Galen is inordinately pleased to announce the Commencement of the Caer Galen Fighter Practice. The Time is Thursday night at 7:45 until at least 10:00. The location is Carden School(the same site as Caer Galen Defender), and is indoors. All combatants are welcome, be They Heavy Weapons, Rapier, Shinai, Tai Chi, or what have you. Any questions may be directed to Lord Alexandre at 442-0959. Since this is not a free site, any donations will be gratefully accepted.

GRAND RUSSIAN WEDDING

On March 5, A.S. XXII (1988), we, Dmitri Nikolaivych Petrovoskyj and Anastazia Winogrodzka, will celebrate our SCA wedding. We wish to invite all to come and witness this union. The ceremony will take place at Fort Collins' City Park. (The bad weather site will be the same as the reception site - the V.F.W. Post 1781, 603 Lesser Drive, Fort Collins, CO. THIS IS A STRICTLY DRY SITE. ANYONE NOT COMPLYING WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE!!!)

The approximate schedule of events is:

12:00 Noon - Preliminary Hall Set-up
2:30 PM - Congregational Gathering at City Park - Dress appropriately and bring your own seating.
3:00 PM - Start of the Ceremony
6:00 PM - Start of the Feast
11:00 PM - Site Closure and Clean-up

The tentative Menu is:

ON THE TABLE: Sdoba, Syr, Borshch Ukrainsky, Pirozhki
FIRST COURSE: Taidetud Vasikarind, Plov, Agurkai su Rukcscia Grietne
SECOND COURSE: Satsivi, Plov, Tushenyi Morkov'
THIRD COURSE: Zemlyanika, Plov, Mdzhavai Kombosto
FOURTH COURSE: Coffee and Dessert Buffet to include: Samsa, Medivnyk, Aleksander Torte and Imbirnaya Kovrizhka

The Event Fee is $7.50/adult and $5.00/child under 12. Reservations should be sent, with full payment, to the Feast-ocrat. At-the-door reservations will be made at her discretion.

For more information, contact:

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(303) 224-3389

Lord Harold Thredar and Baron Eric Edmundsson
Announce A
Cook's and Brewer's Competition and Collegeium

The March segment of the Kingdom Arts & Sciences competition will be in the categories of Cooking and Brewing & Vintning. It will be held in conjunction with the Barony of Caertha's Couturies Defender Tourney and Feast on the 19th of March 1988. Maps and site fees will be forthcoming in the information for that event. I anticipate that there will be a difference in feast fee for competitors versus the general populace since the competitors will essentially be supplying the feast.

YOU MAY WISH TO KEEP THIS PAGE FOR FUTURE REFERENENCE AS I DO NOT PLAN TO REQUEST THAT THE OUTLANDISH HERALD REPRINT THIS INFORMATION.

You may anticipate that I will give you the "opportunity" to pre-register for the competition. The purpose of pre-registration is so that we have some foreknowledge of the "balance" of foods for the feast. I expect to make it advantageous to you to pre-register.

The competiton will be open to all comers. Here are the rules for the Cook's competition:

Each entry must clearly fit into one of the defined categories. There will be a prize for the first place winner in each category.

Each entrant may enter as many dishes as he/she is willing (crazy enough) to enter. However, each dish must provide sufficient quantity for at least 15 normal portions. (We will request that folk sample the dishes, taking only 1/4 of the normal portion so that approximately 50 persons may sample and judge each dish.)

Dishes need not be made to "period" recipies but must conform to European period standards. By this I mean that potatoes and cornbread will not be accepted as contest entries. But the use of sugar, in lieu of honey, or the use of cream cheese, in lieu of an expensive and/or unobtainable European cheese, or the substitution of cranberries for bog-berries, all meet the criteria. Bye the bye, sugar can be documented in period but it came via caravans and was very very dear and never white. Consequently it was used as a spice, not as a sweetner.

Each dish requires documentation as well as the exact recipie, precicely as presented.

The reason for the documentation is obvious. But I do not mean that you must prove that your dish was served in period. If you can do so, fine. On the other hand, we can show that sesame oil was used in cooking in Persia in pre-Roman times. We also can show that olive oil was used in cooking in Egypt during the pyramid construction era. I am unaware of any documented evidence that anyone in period combined them and added garlic or onion to create what we today would call a salad dressing. But they could have done so. And several of you have expressed your pleasure with my Middle Eastern salad dressing. It is my intent that such recipies will be considered period for the purposes of this competition.

There are at least two reasons for wanting the recipie for the dish precicely as offered. First is affords the finicky, as well as the truly allergic, the opportunity to avoid those dishes which are unsuitable to them. Second, it allows us to begin a compendium of recipies as the basis for a new cookbook. (Future fundraiser for the Kingdom, perhaps?)

I'm eliminating meat dishes for a couple of reasons. First, they tend to be more expensive per portion than other dishes and, second, the Couturies will be providing a main course meat dish. This doesn't mean that someone who wishes to enter a haggis, or a liver and kidney pye, or cod jerky, will be excluded, but you will be put into the OTHER category.

In case I haven't already made it clear, the feast will, of necessity, be served sideboard style.

The first place prize in each category will be a period cookbook. I have copies of such out-of-print tomes as To The King's Taste, Fabulous Feasts, and To The Queen's Taste. I have not yet determined which cookbook will go with which category.

The categories are:

MAIN COURSE MEATLESS DISHES

VEGETABLE ACCOMPANIMENTS

MAIN COURSE CUSTARDS
- *Quiche*

BREADS
- *Festive breads*
- *Table breads*

SWEETS
- *Pies and tarts*
- *Cakes*
- *Puddings*
- *Custards*
- *Cheese cakes*
- *Dessert breads*

SOUPS and STEWS

SALADS
- *Winter vegetables*
- *Summer vegetables*
- *Fruit salads*
- *Cooked salads*

SUBTLTIES and SPECTICAL FOODS

OTHER

During the day, and scheduled so as to minimize any conflict with the events planned by the Couturies, there will be a Cooking Collegeium. The courses have not been determined at this time. If you wish to conduct a course, please contact Lord Harold at the address noted below.

Judging for the Vintner's and Brewer's Competition will be more traditional. The senior judge (aided by His Majesty) for the competition will be the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences, Baron Eric Edmundsson. He will select the other judges, determine the prizes, and finalize the rules. There will be the following categories:

BEERS	*WINES*
Light	*Dry Red*
Dark	*Sweet Red*
	Dry White
ALES	*Sweet White*
MEADS	*LIQUEURS*
NON-ALCOHOLIC	

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